

R.I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 7:08 P.M. at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Acting Chairman William West, Commissioners Richard Dubois, Stephen Erickson, Martin Joyce, Diane Mederos, Richard Pierce and Isadore Ramos. Legal Counsel, Raymond Marcaccio and Executive Director Robert Kando were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman West.

1. The Board may vote to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 1, 2016.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 1, 2016. Voting in the affirmative were Acting Chairman West, Commissioners Dubois, Erickson, Joyce, Mederos, Pierce and Ramos. Motion passed 7-0.

2. The Board may vote to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Erickson nominated Commissioner Richard Dubois for Chairman, motion seconded by Commissioner Joyce there being no other nominations or objections, voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Mederos, Pierce, Ramos and West. Richard Dubois accepted and was elected Chairman, 6-0.

Commissioner Joyce nominated Commissioner Diane Mederos for Vice Chairwoman, motion seconded by Newly Elected Chairman Dubois, there being no other nominations or objections, voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Diane Mederos accepted and was elected Vice Chairwoman, 6-0.

3. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by Chad R. Mollica pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

Richard Thornton, Director of Campaign Finance explained the re-appeal and summarized the penalties remaining for Chad Mollica. A motion was made to waive the remaining balance of his fines. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

4. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by Richard K. Vaughan pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

Richard Thornton, Director of Campaign Finance summarized the penalties and the appeal of fines by Richard K. Vaughan. A motion was made to waive the fines of Richard K. Vaughan. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

5. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by Jason DelPozzo pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

Richard Thornton, Director of Campaign Finance summarized the penalties and appeal of Jason DelPozzo. Jason DelPozzo was not present but a motion was made to waive the penalties. Voting in the affirmative were, Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

6. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by Woonsocket Democratic City Committee pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

Legal Counsel, Raymond Marcaccio explained that Woonsocket Democratic City Committee had requested that their appeal to be continued to the July Board meeting. A motion was made to continue Woonsocket Democratic City Committee until the July Board meeting. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

7. The Board may vote on the appeal of fines by National Organization for Marriage PAC pursuant to R.I.G.L. 17-25.

Richard Thornton, Director of Campaign Finance reported that the representative from the National Organization for Marriage PAC was unable to attend the meeting and requested the appeal be continued until a future Board meeting. A motion was made to continue the appeal until a future Board meeting. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

8. The Board may receive a report from Executive Director Robert Kando that addresses the monthly and year-to-date budget and expenditures of the Board.

A report was presented to the Board representing the balance of each account line item of FY16 budget. A motion was made for a more detailed report that addresses the monthly and year-to-date budget and expenditures of the Board. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

9. The Board may receive a written status report from Executive Director Robert Kando that summarizes the activities conducted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, during the month of May, 2016.

The Board received a written status report from Executive Director Robert Kando. A motion was made for a more detailed report. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

10. The Board may receive an update from Legal Counsel Raymond Marcaccio and Board staff concerning the status of legislation under consideration by the General Assembly.

Legal Counsel Raymond Marcaccio referenced the spreadsheet for the status of legislation under consideration by the General Assembly. Attorney Marcaccio informed the Board that the changes to the voter registration policy was ready for posting for public comment. With the Board's approval, the public comment period could end and be reviewed at the August Board meeting. A motion was made to post the changes to the voter registration policy on the Secretary of State Rules and Regulation for public comment. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed.

11. The Board may vote to meet in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(4) and 17-25-5(a)(7)(i) to discuss and/or vote on possible violations of campaign finance laws in two (2) campaign finance matters.

A motion was made to meet in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(4) and 17-25-5(a)(7)(i) to discuss and/or vote on possible violations of campaign finance laws in two (2) campaign finance matters. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

12. The Board may vote to meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1).

A motion was made to meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1). Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

13. The Board may vote to meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1).

A motion was made to meet in executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(1). Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

14. The Board may meet in executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(4) to discuss the status of a civil investigation matter.

A motion was made to meet in executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(4) to discuss the status of a civil investigation matter. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

The Board moved to executive session at 7:30 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 9:06 P.M.

A vote was taken in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(4) and 17-25-5(a)(7)(i) on violations of campaign finance laws in two (2) campaign finance matters. Pursuant to *Policy on Fines & Penalties For Contributions Made and Received in Excess of the Allowable Annual Contribution Limits*, adopted June 1, 2004, a warning was issued to contributor Zachary Darrow against making any further contributions which exceed the allowable annual limits and to recipient DarrowEverett PAC against accepting contributions which exceed the allowable annual limits.

A motion was then made to seal the minutes of the executive session. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

15. Adjourn.

A motion was made to adjourn. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Dubois, Vice Chairwoman Mederos, Commissioners Erickson, Joyce, Pierce, Ramos and West. Motion passed 7-0 meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.